

REMARKS

In the non-final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings, objected to claims 13, 14, 17, 20, and 33 for various minor informalities, and rejected claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. The Examiner identified claims 1-12 and 25-32 as allowed. The Examiner indicated that claims 13-24 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner indicated that claims 33-38 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection to claim 33.

By this Amendment, Applicants provide formal drawings and amend 1, 7, 9-17, 19-26, 28-34, and 36-38 to improve form. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's identification of allowable subject matter, but respectfully traverse the Examiner's objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, with regard to the claims as amended herein. Claims 1-38 remain pending.

DRAWING OBJECTION

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings because they allegedly contain numbers, letters, and reference characters that are of poor quality. The Examiner required corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Applicants submit herewith formal drawings to replace the informal drawings. Applicants submit that the formal drawings are in compliance with 37 CFR 1.21. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 13, 14, 17, 20, and 33 for various minor informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to address the items identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

At page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 13 and 14 to address the items identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 13-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner does not believe that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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